



SIXTH FORM - SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY

Headteacher's Introduction

Welcome to the Sixth Form at St. Olave's Grammar School.

St. Olave's is a wonderful school where you will find staff who know their students well and serve their individual needs, and where there is a strong sense of pride and loyalty throughout the school. We welcome students of all faiths and backgrounds, championing dignity and respect for all. This brings diversity and richness, which is a real strength of the school. These qualities were amongst many noted by Ofsted when they gave the school an 'Outstanding' outcome in February 2019.

There is an emphasis on nurturing young people to have the wisdom, honesty and strength of character to make the right choices and have the very highest aspirations. With an outstanding record of academic excellence our A Level results show consistently around 95% A*/B grades, placing St. Olave's amongst the very top schools nationally. Around 100 students have gained Oxbridge places in broad range of subjects over the last 3 years. This number is more than many schools in the country can replicate. This is testament to the talents of our staff and students alike.

There are obvious challenges this year and potentially beyond. However, this will not prevent academic, sporting, cultural and moral excellence being celebrated and encouraged, within and beyond the classroom. Our co-curricular programme is outstanding; sport, music, drama, DofE, clubs and societies are very strong. We want our students to participate fully in the life of the school so they become independent and creative young people who will make their mark in the world. Olavians will be encouraged not to be preoccupied by the fear of failure, but be prepared to give things a go even if there is a risk of not succeeding.

In recent times, our rugby squad toured South Africa; Biology students spent three weeks in Malawi doing scientific research with Operation Wallacea; our Economists visited the European Bank in Frankfurt; our linguists travelled to Germany and France; others visited the sites of Ancient Greece or trekked the jungles, mountains or volcanoes of Ecuador or Nepal on World Challenge. Our top Chess and Fives teams comprise a number of national champions whilst our budding playwrights have had scripts performed at the National Theatre.

If you are looking for a Sixth Form place for your son or daughter, please explore our website further. The atmosphere in our School is truly unique – it is a community which is welcoming, caring and inspiring. This is enriched further by the number of Old Olavians who return to school after they leave, offering their support and guidance to our current students.

We now regularly admit over 100 young women into Year 12; for them and our young men, Sixth Form should be one of the most exciting times of their lives; you will certainly not be disappointed if you join us at St. Olave's.

Andrew Rees, Headteacher
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